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Application 09/418,509

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 25, 2002. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed March 6, 2001 (Paper No. 7). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicant of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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Please find below a communication from the Examiner in charge of this Application.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

- 1. In response to the Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed on March 09, 2001 and the letter to Remand to the Examiner of 07/02/02 (paper no. 19), the IDS has been considered and acknowledged by the Examiner.
 - 2. A complete copy of the Form PTO-1449 is herein enclosed.

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3. Since no further response by the appellant is deemed necessary, the Application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication from the Examiner should be directed to Jean D. Janvier, whose telephone number is (703) 308-6287). The aforementioned can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 10:00AM to 6:00 PM EST. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Mr. Eric W. Stamber, can be reached at (703) 305-8469.

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